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Subj: Organization of EDP in CIA

1. Bumped into Phil Fox last night. He said:

- BPAM was pushing for a committee to study question of EDP organization in response to BOB and other external pressures towards centralization.

- Bud Wheelon had called John Clarke when words of such a study reached him and complained vigorously that the centralizatio decision had already been made and that he opposed any such study.

- Jack Blake later called John Clarke in elaboration, saying that Bud had had the wrong idea somewhat, and that DD/S&T welcomed such a study...or at least understood the reasons for the study and would support it.

- Fox then said he didn't understand why Wheelon would have been upset about the study in that the pressure on such a group as far as OBPAM is concerned is towards more centralization. Then Phil said that, of course, such a study could recommend that OCS be transferred to the DD/S as a support component and perhaps that is what Wheelon was worried about.

- Phil said NPIC and DD/P would fight any further centralization hard.

2. As for the study committee, there is, of course, in spite of the BOB and OBPAM centralization pressures, the chance that the directorate forces, once the question is opened again to study, would win out and each Directorate would "roll its own". I told Phil that, in addtion to the BOB paper pressure, there was the solid dollar, manpower, and floor space pressure which our own managems must face up to if, indeed, the OCS 360 system could take on the DD/P workload (and perhaps NPIC) without appreciable or counterpart cost extensions in OCS. I used the [redacted] rental savings figure for the two Mod 50's [redacted] wants. Fox said [redacted] has already requested these new machines.... making it sound more official than anything we've had from [redacted] Fox mentioned the DD/P's argument of "security". I told him that was largely subtrafuge and that responsible managers would have to see it as such and not endorse an extra [redacted] on any such basis as that.

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3. This one must surely come to head...and soon. OCS should right now make double sure our claims on 360 capabilities are sound re RID computing because therein lies the answer to the entire question. [redacted]

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As for the study committee with John Clarke is pumhing for, it seems it can make one of four recommendations:

1) status quo. (Leave things as they are with three computer centers in CIA (OCS, RID, and NPIC) and define RID and NPIC roles and grant all rest of OCS.)

2) Expand OCS and leave it in DD/S&T (Add RID and perhaps eventually NPIC computing to OCS)

3) Expand OCS and move it to DD/S (" " ")

4) Abolish OCS as CIA-wide shop and establish a policy of computing by Directorate.

(Each Directorate eventually to have its own computing center(s). Some cooperation and sharing among them but essentially each Direct provides for its own computing needs.)

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